

## **Razia Jan update**

### **Former Duxbury resident receives Wall Street Journal mention**

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Razia Jan, former Duxbury resident and business owner, received recognition for her work in Afghanistan in an article published on July 9 in the Wall Street Journal. Jan, who owned a tailoring business in Duxbury for 20 years and served as president of the local Rotary Club, opened a school for girls in Afghanistan in 2008 – the Zabuli Education Center. Operating through Razia's Ray of Hope nonprofit foundation, the Zabuli Education Center aims to empower girls through community-based education.

In 2012, her school held 355 girls ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade, according to a previous Clipper article. Today her school serves over 480 female students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade, with the hopes of expanding 50 students per year until the school reaches its full capacity of 650 students, noted Razia's Ray of Hope website.

Jan has been the recipient of many awards including a 2012 CNN Top 10 Hero Award, 2013 Speak for Thyself Award from the Alden House Historic Site, 2013 American Muslim Women's Empowerment Council Award and 2014 Lewis Institute at Babson College's Social Innovator Award. For more information, visit [raziasrayofhope.org](http://raziasrayofhope.org).